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In re Application of: Jean Woloszko, et al. Group Art Unit: 3739
Application No.: 09/514,906 Examiner: L. Cohen
Filed: February 28, 2000
For: MEDICAL ELECTRICAL LEAD

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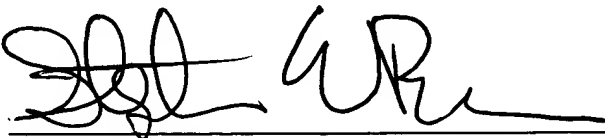
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 21, 2006


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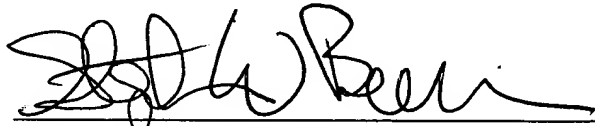
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Sir:

In reviewing our file on the above-identified patent application, we note that the last communication was a Petition for Revival, Response and Amendment and Request for Extension of Time Transmittal dated September 27, 2001 filed by Applicant. Please let us know the current status of this application.

Please direct all correspondence regarding this inquiry to the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to facilitate resolution of this matter.

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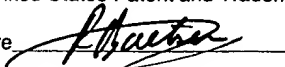
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Group No.: 3739

Serial No.: 09/514,906

Examiner: L. Cohen

Filed: February 28, 2000

For: Medical Electrical Lead

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Via Courier

1. This application became abandoned on December 5, 2000.

2. This petition is filed:

☒ within one year of the date of abandonment.

☐ within three months of the date of the first decision on a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a), which was filed within one year of the date of abandonment.

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3. This application became abandoned because the failure to prosecute was an unintentional delay.

4. Proposed response

☐ has been filed.

☒ is attached.

(complete the following, if applicable)

☐ The response is the filing of a continuation application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application copending with this application.

5. Fee (37 CFR 1.17(m))

Application status is:

☐ Small business entity-fee \$

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☐ A verified statement was filed.

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7. Verification

☒ I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Date: 9-27-01

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Sir:

Should Applicants' Petition for Revival of Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application filed on even date herewith respecting the above-referenced patent application be granted, Applicants respectfully propose that this Response and Amendment submitted pursuant to the June 5, 2000 Office Action be entered into the record of the revived patent application as follows:

I. Amendments

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend claims 2-6 as follows:

2. [A system for providing medical electrical stimulation according to claim 1 further comprising:] A system for providing medical electrical stimulation, comprising:

a first medical electrical lead comprising a first lead body and a first electrode portion, the first electrode portion being coupled to the first lead body, the first lead body comprising a first proximal section and a first distal section, the first distal section being thinner than the first proximal section;

a second medical electrical lead [having] comprising a second lead body and a second electrode portion, the second electrode portion being coupled to the second lead body, the second lead body [having] comprising a second proximal section and a second distal section, the second distal section being thinner than the second proximal section;

[a suture sleeve position] first and second suture sleeves positioned, respectively, on [each] the first and second proximal [end] sections[of the lead bodies]; and

a stabilizing block positioned on the distal [end] sections of the first and second lead bodies, the stabilizing block having means for stabilizing [each of] the first and second electrode portions [of the lead] from moving out of position once they have been implanted[while the other leads are being implanted].

3. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 2, wherein the means of stabilizing [comprise] comprises a pliant polymer block having a series of slots, the slots dimensioned to frictionally engage with the [each lead body] first and second lead bodies.

4. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 2, wherein the first electrode portion comprises a root portion, a semi-cylindrical cuff [extending] extends from the root portion in [the] a first radial direction, a long flap [extending] extends from the root portion in a second radial direction, the long flap extending over at least a portion of the semi-cylindrical cuff, and a short flap [extending] extends from the root portion in [a] the first radial direction, the short flap extending over at least a portion of the long flap.

5. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 4, [further comprising] wherein the first radial direction ranges between 90 and 270 degrees.

6. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 5, [further comprising] wherein the second radial direction ranges between 180 and 360 degrees.

II. REMARKS

Support for the amendments made to the claims herein may be found throughout the application as filed.

Referring to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2000, and in accordance with the Examiner's requirements and rejections, claim 1 is cancelled herein and claims 2-6 are amended to incorporate all the limitations recited in cancelled claim 1. Moreover, all section 112 deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner respecting claims 2-6 are corrected by way of amendment herein. Accordingly, claims 2-should now be in condition for allowance.


III. Summary

Claims 2-6 drawn to a stimulation system are now pending in the present application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Examination of the application is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by e-mail at thomas.woods@medtronic.com with any questions or comments he may have. Applicants' attorney will promptly contact the Examiner by telephone upon receiving an e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,
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By his attorney,

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a second medical electrical lead [having] comprising a second lead body and a second electrode portion, the second electrode portion being coupled to the second lead body, the second lead body [having] comprising a second proximal section and a second distal section, the second distal section being thinner than the second proximal section;

[a suture sleeve position] first and second suture sleeves positioned, respectively, on [each] the first and second proximal [end] sections[of the lead bodies]; and

a stabilizing block positioned on the distal [end] sections of the first and second lead bodies, the stabilizing block having means for stabilizing [each of] the first and second electrode portions [of the lead] from moving out of position once they have been implanted[while the other leads are being implanted].

3. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 2, wherein the means of stabilizing [comprise] comprises a pliant polymer block having a series of slots, the slots dimensioned to frictionally engage with the [each lead body] first and second lead bodies.

4. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 2, wherein the first electrode portion comprises a root portion, a semi-cylindrical cuff [extending] extends from the root portion in [the] a first radial direction, a long flap [extending] extends from the root portion in a second radial direction, the long flap extending over at least a portion of the semi-cylindrical cuff, and a short flap [extending] extends from the root portion in [a] the first radial direction, the short flap extending over at least a portion of the long flap.

5. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 4, [further comprising] wherein the first radial direction ranges between 90 and 270 degrees.

6. The [A] system [for providing medical electrical stimulation according to] of claim 5, [further comprising] wherein the second radial direction ranges between 180 and 360 degrees.

II. REMARKS

Support for the amendments made to the claims herein may be found throughout the application as filed.

Referring to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2000, and in accordance with the Examiner's requirements and rejections, claim 1 is cancelled herein and claims 2-6 are amended to incorporate all the limitations recited in cancelled claim 1. Moreover, all section 112 deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner respecting claims 2-6 are corrected by way of amendment herein. Accordingly, claims 2-should now be in condition for allowance.

III. Summary

Claims 2-6 drawn to a stimulation system are now pending in the present application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Examination of the application is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by voicemail at (763) 514-3652 or the below e-mail address with any questions or comments he may have.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Via Courier

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted in conjunction with a new divisional patent application submitted on even date herewith.

I. Amendment

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, after the title and before the words "Field of the Invention," please insert the sentence --This divisional patent application corresponds to co-pending parent U. S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 08/820,473 filed March 17, 1997 for "Medical Electrical Lead" to Woloszko et al.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-21. Applicants now elect and reinstate claims 1-6, withdrawn on February 21, 2000 in a Response to Restriction Requirement filed in divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/273,457 as being directed to a non-elected invention.

II. REMARKS


This divisional patent application corresponds to and claims the benefit of the filing date of parent U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/820,473 filed March 17, 1997 for "Medical Electrical" to Woloszko et al.

Claims 1-6 drawn to a stimulation system is now pending in this divisional application, and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Examination of the application is requested.

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